Statement

The revenue earned by the Govemment of India from Customs and Central Excise duties from the petroleum sector

(Rupees in crores)

Sl.No.	Description	2005-06
1	Customs Duty	11394
2	Central Excise Duty including cess	51750

Report of Investment Commission

†2616. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Investment Commission headed by Shri Ratan Tata has been received by Government;

(b) the details of the main recommendations made by the Commission and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government would take into consideration the factors like future need and security etc. before providing unused land belonging to the departments like Railways, Defence and Surface Transport for construction purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The Investment Commission (IC) in its report "Investment Strategy for India" of February 2006 has made a set of broad recommendations to facilitate and improve the investment climate. The main recommendations are: (i) Remove/reduce restrictions on sector caps and entry route on sectors other than those considered "strategic" (ii) Provide labour flexibility (iii) Promote SEZs for key sectors (iv) Provide a level playing field in sectors with PSU dominance (v) Eliminate scope for discretionary interpretation to stem corruption (vi) Establish effective mechanisms to resolve centre-state issues, and (vii) Create National Thrust Areas which include Tourism, Power, Textiles and Agro-processing. The recommendations of the Commission, which are more broad in nature, have been taken up with the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Because of the strategic reasons and for a growing economy, the requirement of the land for Defence, Railway and Highways purposes is ever increasing and this requirement can not be frozen.

Transfer of Income Tax Officials

2617. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Income Tax officers, who exposed bribery case in which liquor manufacturers of U.P. allegedly paid over Rs. 300 crores to top politicians and bureaucrats, have been shunted out to small towns and non-descript hostings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The following officers of the Investigation Wing of the Income Tax Department in Delhi were associated in the searches undertaken in the case of the U.P. Distilleries Association:

(i)Sh. P.K. Kedia, DIT(lnv)
(ii) Sh. P.S. Tomar, Addl. DIT (Inv.)
(iii) Sh. Shravan Kumar Gotru, DDIT (Inv.)

These officers transferred out of their respective charges in accordance with the Transfer Policy applicable to all IRS officers. These transfers were carried out in the routine course as per policy guidelines laid down by the Board and has nothing to do with any work that they may have done in U.P. or elsewhere.

Sick units registered with BIFR

2618. SHRI CHITTABRATAMAJUMDAR:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick private sector units registered with BIFR;

(b) the amount of bank money locked up in the above units; and

(c) the break-up of the above units along with their revival status sector-wise?